

Heidemann Mill  
Addison, Illinois ( $\frac{1}{2}$  mile W.)

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HEIDEMAN MILL  
DU PAGE COUNTY  
NEAR ADDISON, ILLINOIS

DISTRICT NO. 26  
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Project No. 26-4

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SOURCE

Mr. The Heideman Mill was built in 1867  
Herman by Christian Heideman. The mill is of the  
Heideman Holland type (with a movable head) and  
Son of is one of the first built in its locality.  
the The first ones built were at Quincy and  
Builder LaGrange, both of which were examined and  
sketches made from them for the construc-  
tion of the Heideman Mill. The mill at  
LaGrange now in the Masonic Cemetary is still  
standing and Mr. Heideman worked on the con-  
struction of this mill before building his  
own. Mr. Christian Heideman was born in  
Rodmaldt, Hanover Province, Germany in 1847,  
the son of a miller.

The construction of the mill <sup>was</sup> started  
in May 1867, and was completed in January  
1868, taking seven men nine months to build  
it at a total cost of \$5008.10. The mill  
has been used to grind feed and flour and  
had a capacity of 300 bushels per day. It  
was used during the late war.

Most of the lumber came from Chicago.  
The corner pieces of the octagonal tower  
are 12 x 12 oak in one length, approximately  
45' 0". The propeller wings are made of pine  
and oak. The large casting which connects  
the propellers to the shaft was made in  
Chicago in one piece.

The strongest and most favorable winds to  
operate the mill are during the winter months.  
The propellers are covered with canvas and  
set directly against the wind by revolving the  
head, which is controlled by huge trussed mem-  
bers fastened to a cat walk outside the first  
story. The mill is not used at present and  
needs some repairs before it can be operated.  
The building has never been altered or changed.  
It is located one-half mile west of Addison and  
one-half mile north of State Route #5 U.S. #20.

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